

Free Care

Update/2003 FPIG

Answering your questions about the
Massachusetts Uncompensated Care Pool

Notes

This update includes the recently released Federal Poverty Income Guidelines that are used to calculate free care eligibility in Massachusetts.

If you have additional questions about free care eligibility, please contact the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy at 617-988-3222.

Please share this newsletter with your billing staff and those who assist patients with free care applications.

2003 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) Effective February 7, 2003

Family Size	200%	250%	300%	350%	400%
1	\$17,960	\$22,450	\$26,940	\$31,430	\$35,920
2	\$24,240	\$30,300	\$36,360	\$42,420	\$48,480
3	\$30,520	\$38,150	\$45,780	\$53,410	\$61,040
4	\$36,800	\$46,000	\$55,200	\$64,400	\$73,600
5	\$43,080	\$53,850	\$64,620	\$75,390	\$86,160
6	\$49,360	\$61,700	\$74,040	\$86,380	\$98,720
7	\$55,640	\$69,550	\$83,460	\$97,370	\$111,280
8	\$61,920	\$77,400	\$92,880	\$108,360	\$123,840
For each additional person add:	\$6,280	\$7,850	\$9,420	\$10,990	\$12,560

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Please note that calculations are included for 250%, 300%, and 350% FPIG in order to aid community health centers in calculating the sliding scale fee for partial free care deductibles.

Providers may begin using these guidelines immediately for calculating Free Care eligibility. All providers must be using these updated guidelines by April 1, 2003.